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**TO
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GUILTY

AS

AID TO

FRANK

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Frank Case Witness In Court as Thief.

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Bailey was charged with participating in the robbery of Edward Darden and Len Chapman, two other negroes. Darden said he had been robbed \$2.50 and a watermelon by Bailey and his two accomplices Baily, he said, gave the watermelon back.

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CONLEY STAR AT "BULL PEN" LEVEE

**Frank Case Witness
Struts Be-**

fore Dusky Admirers and An- nexes Supply of “Makin’s.”

Quite the here of the occasion among his dusky compatriots. Jim Conley held high levee Tuesday in the “bull pen” of Judge Ben Hill’s courtroom in the Thrower Building.

Jim was taken from his cell in the Tower to answer to two indictments, each charging him with being an accessory after the fact in the murder of Mary Phagan in the National Pencil Factory April 26.

As it happened, the pressure of court business was so great that it was impossible to reach Jim’s case and he was permitted the whole forenoon to strut and swell around in the circumscribed confines of the pen.

Trading on his prestige, he soon had his pockets bulging with “makin’s” and will be able to spend his spare nickels for the cake that they sell at the Tower until his supply of tobacco gives out again.

**GAZAN
SURE OF
NEW TRIAL
FOR
LEO M.
FRANK**

**Interview in Savannah
Press De-**

clares Attorney's Visit to Cell Convinced Him.

SAVANNAH, Nov. 12—That Leo M. Frank will get a new trial when his case comes up before the State Supreme Court was the declaration of Simon Gazan, a member of the well known law firm of Twiggs & Gazan, who has just returned from Atlanta, where he visited the pencil factory superintendent in his cell, according to an interview in The Savannah Press.

Mr. Gazan also declared that that public opinion in Atlanta had changed greatly regarding Frank since his conviction. The Press quotes him as follows:

“The ignorant, prejudiced classes, who were happy at the jury’s verdict, and would have cheerfully done violence to Frank now meditate upon the scene and simply wonder.”

“I feel that I am justified in saying that public sentiment is rapidly changing in Frank’s favor. The conservative public now say: ‘I don’t know’”. The mob, heretofore confident of his guilt, now admits a doubt.”

Calls Reports Unjust.

“Unfortunately the public formed its opinion from the newspaper reports, which never did Frank justice.”

“Frank will get a new trial. There are at least fifty errors of law committed during the trial, any one of which demands the granting of a new trial. It certainly seems as though Providence intervened at the psychological moment and put language into Judge Roan’s mouth, as he was about to declare against a new trial. His words alone demand a new hearing of the case. His

remarkable statement was no accident of speech. It was the voice of Roan, but the thought originated on high."

Says Innocence Radiates.

"I saw Frank in his cell last Tuesday. He is a remarkable man. The consciousness of innocence radiates from his every movement, thought and expression. If he was guilty of this heinous crime, God would have indelibly stamped that guilt upon his countenance. It is not there."

"And I want to say a word about Frank's wife. She called while I was visiting her husband. She is a noble woman who has never lost faith in her husband I would rather trust her intuition than Conley's evidence. She has been daily to see her husband."

"It has all given me a new perspective of the case. I now know all the facts. I unhesitatingly say that Frank is a victim, and I can not too emphatically declare my undying faith in his absolute innocence. I would not be surprised to eventually see him vindicated by a Fulton County jury."
